

**Heartland Region  
Board of Control  
3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur, IL  
March 19, 2026**

**Present:**

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana  
Sacha Young – Central A&M  
Emily Weidner – Cerro Gordo  
Mike Curry – Decatur Public Schools  
Michael Tresnak – DeLand Weldon  
Adam Ibbotson – Maroa Forsyth  
Shane Gordon – Meridian  
Travis Roundcount – Mt Zion  
Jonathan Field – Sangamon Valley  
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director

**Absent:**

Cheryl Warner – Warrensburg Latham

Meeting called to Order by Travis Roundcount at 8:52 a.m.

Adam Ibbotson moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting as presented. Michael Curry seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Finance Report**

Michael Tresnak moved to approve the February purchases provided by the Regional Office. Adam Ibbotson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Bret reminded the board that the goal for our Audits is to have three completed this spring. The remaining three will be completed by the fall of 2026. Elizabeth with the ROE is working with the Auditor to ensure this is done.

**Closed Session**

None

**Personnel**

Michael Tresnak moved to approve employment recommendations as presented. Emily Weidner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

**Director's Report**

Bret stated that the ISBE has released the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment. The new due date is now May 31.

Bret confirmed that Enrollment Forms have been received for the 2026 – 2027 school year. Interest in the majority of HTA programs has increased once again causing many programs to have wait lists, particularly HVAC.

Bret announced two Professional Development opportunities: the the first annual conference for the Illinois Association of Rural and Small Schools will be held at RCC on April 17. An Admin Academy sponsored by the Illinois Career and Technical Administrators will also be offered on April 7.

**Other Business**

Adam Ibbotson moved to approve the HTA 2026 – 2027 School Calendar as presented. Sacha Young seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.


Next meeting will take place on April 16, 2026, at the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education #390, 3433 Rupp Parkways, Decatur, Illinois.

Damian Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Adam Ibbotson seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59.

  
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Board of Control Chairperson

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